

6.11.20 Minutes of the Joint Maynard Parking Authority Meeting and Economic Development Committee Meeting

Virtual Meeting - Zoom

Meeting called to order at 8:00 AM

Members present: Justin DeMarco, Ben Hofmann, Nick Johnson, Jack MacKeen, Dan Nash, Michael Noble, Megan Zammuto

Others Present: Sarah Cressy, Dick Downey, Roz Greenstein, Bill Nemser, Lynda Thayer, Karen Freker, Jerry Beck, Rachel Bankey, Kathy Cormier

Parklet Program

M. Zammuto reported that the Town received six Parklet Program applications, and that three have been fully vetted by staff and will be considered at the June 12th Board of Selectmen Meeting. The businesses that have complete applications are the Pleasant Café, Gigi's and Serendipity.

Traffic Calming

To share public space, such as parking spaces and sidewalks, M. Zammuto stated that we should use traffic calming measures. J. DeMarco suggested the narrowing of the entrance to Main Street with temporary barriers as the primary traffic calming measure, and use additional barriers and cones where warranted. K. Cormier asked how the narrowing of Main Street will impact delivery trucks. J. DeMarco shared that the narrowing will only be at the entrance, and businesses should reach out to their vendors to share this update.

Temporary 15 Minute Parking

The EDC and PA discussed benefits and drawbacks regarding the addition of temporary 15 minute parking spaces. One option presented is to use one side of the street for temporary parking.

Parking Enforcement

Officer Nyholm is retiring but will continue to maintain meters for the near future. According to M. Noble, currently the MPD does not have the personnel to enforce and therefore it is likely they will hire an intern for afternoon/early evening enforcement. Members discussed including a warning ticket to educate people about upcoming parking enforcement. B. Nemser stated that according to the MAPC study, parking congestion is mostly in the evenings, not during the day.

Additional Discussion

K. Cormier inquired about parking meters on Main Street where parking spaces are currently unmarked. The Parking Authority is developing a parking policy that recommends the change of those spaces to two hour metered parking spaces.

Adjournment 9:30 AM